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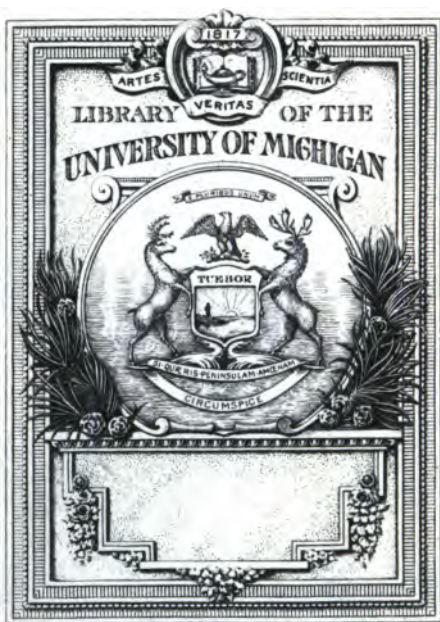
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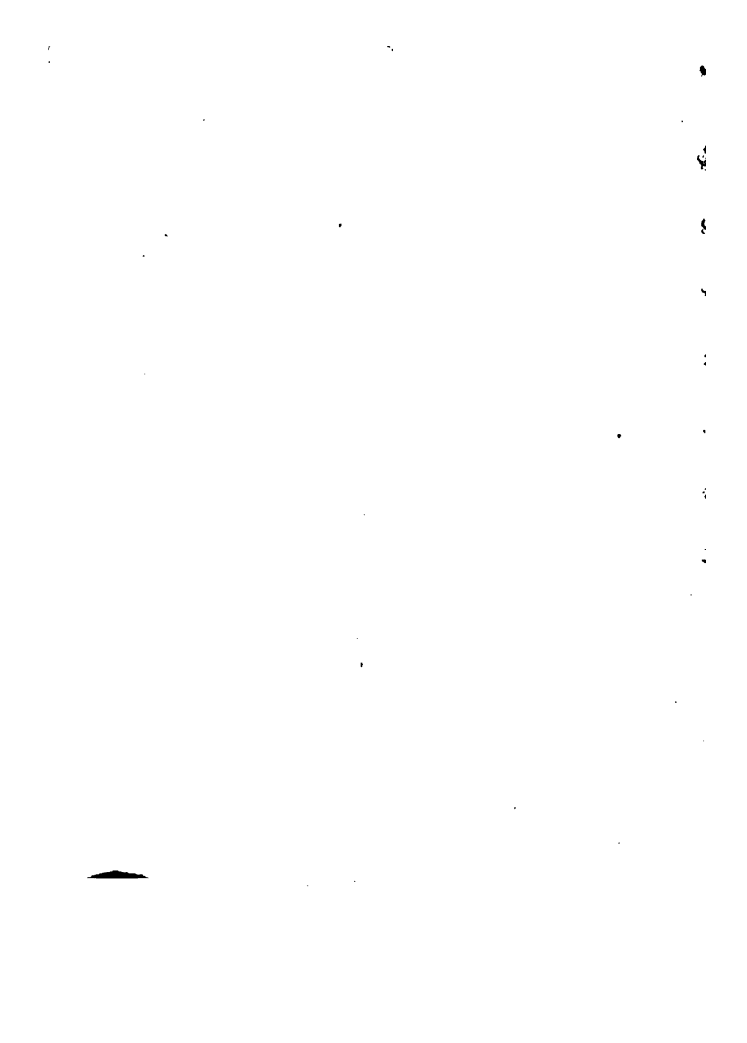
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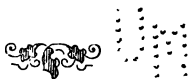


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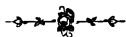
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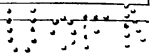
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BY-LAWS
OF THE
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ARTICLE I.

OFFICIAL TITLE.

THIS body shall be known as "The United States Centennial Commission," as provided for by the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1871, and the celebration for the conduct of which the Commission is appointed shall be known as "The International Exhibition of 1876."

ARTICLE II.

QUORUM.

A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of the Commissioners representing not less than thirteen States and Territories.

ARTICLE III.
POWER OF ALTERNATE
COMMISSIONER.

An Alternate Commissioner shall have all the powers of a Commissioner when the Commissioner is not present at any meeting. When the Commissioner is present the Alternate may participate in the debates, and serve on committees, but shall have no vote.

ARTICLE IV.
OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION.

The officers of the Commission shall consist of a President and five Vice-Presidents, all of whom shall be chosen from among the members of this Commission. They shall be elected at the first stated meeting. The terms of the officers then elected shall expire on the first Wednesday of May, 1873; after which time the officers elected shall hold for one year. In case of a failure to elect at the

time specified, the officers then serving shall continue until the choice of their successors.

ARTICLE V.

ELECTION OF A SECRETARY.

The Commission shall, at a subsequent stated meeting, elect a Secretary, who shall hold his office at the pleasure of the Commission: *Provided*, that until such election a member of the Commission shall be chosen to act as temporary Secretary.

ARTICLE VI.

ELECTION OF TREASURER.

A Treasurer shall be elected by the Commission. He shall give security in such a sum, and of such a character as to meet the approval of the Executive Committee, or such other committee as may be designated by the Commission.

ARTICLE VII.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The President shall nominate, subject to the approval of the Commission, at its first session, an Executive Committee, consisting of seven members. The said committee shall have power to act on such questions as shall arise during the recess of the Commission, subject to the approval of the Commission at its next stated meeting. A majority of its members shall constitute a quorum, and shall have power to make such regulations for their own government as to them shall seem proper. They shall elect such officers and agents as they shall deem necessary, shall define their duties, and fix their compensation. They shall report fully all their transactions to the Commission from time to time for approval. In case of any vacancy happening when the Commission is not in session, the same shall

be filled by the President, subject to confirmation by the Commission at the next stated meeting.

ARTICLE VIII.

DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Commission. He shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise ordered. He shall, at the request of the Executive Committee, call special meetings of the Commission, giving not less than thirty (30) days notice to each member, and shall have all the powers and privileges incident to the position of presiding officer. He shall be *ex officio* member of all committees.

ARTICLE IX.

DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS.

A Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, perform his duties, each taking precedence in accordance with the order of his selection.

ARTICLE X.
DUTIES OF SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall conduct all correspondence of the Commission. He shall receive and carefully file all documents relative to the business of the Commission. He shall be present at the office of the Commission, in the City of Philadelphia, and carry out any orders of the Commission or the Executive Committee. He shall keep minutes of all transactions, and at each meeting, or when required, report all matters of interest to the Commission and the Executive Committee. All books, documents, and papers in his possession shall, at all times, be open to the inspection of any member. -

ARTICLE XI.
DUTIES OF TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall hold all moneys belong-

ing to the Commission. He shall deposit the same in such depository as may be designated by the Commission, and draw the same only on proper warrants of the authorized officer. He shall keep accurate accounts of all the receipts and expenditures, and shall report the same in detail to the Executive Committee quarterly, or oftener, if required by them, and also at each meeting of the Commission. His books shall at all times be open to any one of the Commissioners.

ARTICLE XII.

PAYMENT OF MONEYS.

No money shall be drawn from the Treasury of the Commission except on specific appropriations made by the Commission, or the Executive Committee, and under such rules and restrictions as the Executive Committee shall prescribe.

ARTICLE XIII.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President shall appoint the following committees, to hold for one year, or until discharged by the Commission:—A Committee on Finance, to consist of five (5) members; a Committee on Plans and Architecture, to consist of seven (7) members; a Committee on Tariffs and Transportation, to consist of seven (7) members; a Committee on Foreign Affairs, to consist of five (5) members; and a Committee on Opening Ceremonies, to consist of five (5) members, to whom shall be referred such matters as appropriately belong to their respective duties.

ARTICLE XIV.

STATED MEETINGS.

Stated annual meetings of the Commission shall be held on the first Wednesday of May of each year after 1872.

ARTICLE XV.

RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY LAW.

The rules of Parliamentary Law as laid down in Cushing's Manual, shall be the rules governing the deliberations of the Commission, except when they conflict with the provisions of these By-Laws.

ARTICLE XVI.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Amendments to these By Laws shall only be made at a meeting of the Commission, as provided for in the fifth section of the Act of Congress.

Copy of Act of Congress creating the Commission,
Approved, March 3, 1871



AN ACT

To provide for celebrating the One Hundredth Anniversary of American Independence, by holding an International Exhibition of arts, manufactures, and products of the soil and mine, in the City of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

WHEREAS the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America was prepared, signed, and promulgated in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-six in the City of Philadelphia; and whereas it behooves the people of the United States to celebrate, by appropriate ceremonies, the centennial anniversary of this memorable and decisive event, which constituted the fourth day of July, Anno Domini seventeen hundred and seventy-

six, the birthday of the nation ; and whereas it is deemed fitting that the completion of the first century of our national existence shall be commemorated by an exhibition of the natural resources of the country and their development, and of its progress in those arts which benefit mankind, in comparison with those of older nations ; and whereas no place is so appropriate for such an exhibition as the city in which occurred the event it is designed to commemorate ; and whereas, as the exhibition should be a national celebration, in which the people of the whole country should participate, it should have the sanction of the Congress of the United States : Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an exhibition of American and foreign arts, products, and manufactures shall be held, under the auspices of the Government of the United States, in the City of Philadelphia, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six.*

SECT. 2. That a Commission to consist of not more than one delegate from each State, and from each Territory of the United States, whose functions shall continue until the close of the exhibition, shall be constituted, whose duty it shall be to prepare and superintend the execution of a plan for holding the exhibition, and after conference with the authorities of the City of Philadelphia, to fix upon a suitable site within the corporate limits of the said city, where the exhibition shall be held.

SECT. 3. That said Commissioners shall be appointed within one year from the passage of this act by the President of the United States, on the nomination of the governors of the States and Territories respectively.

SECT. 4. That in the same manner there shall be appointed one Commissioner from each State and Territory of the United States, who shall assume the place and perform the duties of such Commissioner and Commissioners as may be unable to attend the meetings of the Commission.

SECT. 5. That the Commission shall hold its meetings in the City of Philadelphia, and that a majority of its members shall have full power to make all needful rules for its government.

SECT. 6. That the Commission shall report to Congress at the first session after its appointment a suitable date for opening and for closing the exhibition; a schedule of appropriate ceremonies for opening or dedicating the same; a plan or plans of the buildings; a complete plan for the reception and classification of articles intended for exhibition; the requisite custom-house regulations for the introduction into this country of the articles from foreign countries intended for exhibition; and such other matters as in their judgment may be important.

SECT. 7. That no compensation for services shall be paid to the Commissioners or other officers provided by this act from the Treasury of the United States; and the United States shall not be liable for any expenses attending such exhibition, or by reason of the same.